



# BTEC Music Supporting Your Child's Progress



## Component 1 (30%)

- **Final coursework submission early December Year 10**
- Support your child in meeting the deadline in December and remind them regularly of that date.
- Encourage your child to play a range of genres on their instrument.
- Take your child to see bands and listen to music of all genres.
- Ensure your child has access to a laptop or contact the school if this is difficult.

## Component 2 (30%)

- **Final coursework submission Mid April Year 10**
- Support your child in meeting the deadline in April and remind them regularly of that date.
- Support your child in having music lessons to improve their skill and technique level.
- Encourage your child to practice regularly and create regular sessions during the week for music practice.
- Revise content posted on Google Classrooms with your child.

## Component 3 (40%)

- **Exam window January – May Year 11**
- Ensure your child is practising their instrument regularly, ideally every day.
- Ensure your child attends additional rehearsals outside of lesson time.
- Encourage your child to book music practice rooms that are available
- Make sure your child is aware of the exam timetable which is scheduled between January and April of year 11.

## Here are ten ways you can achieve your highest grade for this course. Good luck!

- 1. Homework.** All homework will be set on Google classrooms and must be completed. If you don't have access to the resources you need (e.g. a laptop) you must let your teacher know or speak with your parents.
- 2. Coursework and deadlines.** Remember that coursework counts towards your final grade so it is really important that it is the absolute best you can do! You MUST meet the deadlines. You will not be able to retake units in lesson time.
- 3. Practise, practise, practise.** This is the only way to get better at an instrument or singing. No app can teach muscle memory.
- 4. Little and often.** Practice a few bars at a time first thing in the morning, a few times during the day and last thing at night.
- 5. Have a conversation whilst you are playing your instrument.** Once techniques or songs have been internalised they become second nature and fluency improves dramatically. This technique has also been scientifically proven to aid memory.
- 6. Remove distraction.** Whilst practising instruments ensure there are no distractions. Turn off phones, close doors and tell people not to disturb you!
- 7. Learn new repertoire.** Push yourself out of your comfort zone and learn new genres!
- 8. Strive to learn theory.** There is absolutely no doubt that a better music theory knowledge will improve your grade.
- 9. Have extra music lessons.** The school offers a wide range of instrumental/vocal lessons. If you have music lessons alongside your course your grade will be better.
- 10. Record yourself.** Use this to hear your strengths and weaknesses.